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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN AD IN NEW YORK TIMES CONCERNING  
SIMONSTOWN

NEW YORK TIMES OF MAR 18 FEATURED AD PLACED BY SAG WHICH  
INCLUDED PHOTO OF VESSEL ON HIGH SEAS AND FOLLOWING TEXT:

QUOTE: COULD AN ORGANISATION LIKE NATO HAVE A BASE IN  
SIMONSTOWN SOUTH AFRICA?

THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION IS THE KEEPER OF  
PEACE ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN WORLD, IN THE NORTHERN  
HEMISPHERE.

BUT WHAT ABOUT WESTERN INTERESTS IN THE SOUTH?

EVERY MONTH, AN AVERAGE OF 2270 SHIPS PASS THE CAPE OF GOOD  
HOPE. IN ADDITION TO OTHER VITAL SUPPLIES THEY CARRY

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20 MILLION TONS OF OIL-OF WHICH 90PERSENT IS DESTINED FOR EUROPE.

SINCE THE CLOSURE OF THE SUEZ CANAL, THE NUMBER OF SHIPS PASSING THE  
SOUTHERN TIP OF AFRICA HAS MORE THAN TREBLED.  
EVEN WITH THE CANAL REOPENED, ITS FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN, AND  
ITS USE IN THIS DAY OF SUPERTANKERS, LIMITED.  
SIMONSTOWN NEAR CAPE TOWN, IS THE ONLY ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED  
NAVAL BASE IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE BETWEEN SOUTH AMERICA  
AND AUSTRALIA.  
IT HAS A HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS SURVEILLANCE  
SYSTEM COVERING AN AREA WITH A RADIUS OF 5000 SEA MILES.  
IN THIS WAY WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROTECTION OF THE VITAL SOUTHERN

SEA LANES.  
BUT SHOULD WE ALONE BE RESPONSIBLE?

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:  
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